

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully transverses the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-6 over Sugioka in view of Kamiya, JP '804, WO '019, and JP '101.

The present invention relates to a slide member comprised of a base member, and a coat layer made of a dry coat lubricant formed on at least part of a surface of a base member. A streak is formed on the surface of the base member, and the surface roughness is 8 to 18 μmRz . With these features, the slide member increases abrasion resistance and adherence, reduces the friction coefficient, and prevents seizing.

Neither Sugioka, Kamiya, JP '804, nor WO '019 disclose a slide member having a streak formed on a surface of a base member to establish a surface roughness in the claimed range of 8 to 18 μmRz .

JP '101 relates to a "wet-type slide member," with oil held in a stream or groove of a skirt. The structure of JP '101 differs from the present invention, which has a dry coat lubricant formed on at least part of a surface of a base layer, and a streak formed on the surface of the base member. The claimed "dry coat lubricant" slide member is structurally and functionally distinguishable from the "wet-type slide member" of JP '101.

Combining JP '101 with the other references, assuming such a combination would be made by one of ordinary skill in the art, which Applicant denies, fails to suggest the invention as set forth in claims 1-6.

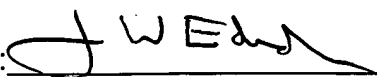
In view of these remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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